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SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE ON CHILE CIRCULATED BY UN SYG

1. AS ENCLOSURES TO NOTES VERBALES, THE SYG RECENTLY HAS CIRCULATED TO ALL UN MISSIONS FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE ON CHILE: (A) ON FEBRUARY 28 A LETTER DATED FEB. 20 TO THE SYG FROM GDR PERM REP FLORIN AND ITS ENCLOSURE - A LETTER TO THE SYG FROM THE ANTIFASCIST CHILE COMMITTEE WHICH HAS ITS SEAT IN THE GDR; AND (B) ON MARCH 10, A LETTER TO THE SYG FROM CHILEAN PERM REP HUERTA.

2. THE TEXTS OF THE LETTERS FROM PERM REP FLORIN AND THE ANTIFASCIST CHILE COMMITTEE FOLLOW:

QUOTE

NEW YORK, 20 FEBRUARY 1975 EXCELLENCY,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO TRANSMIT TO YOU A LETTER FROM THE COMMITTEE CHILE ANTIFASCISTA ADDRESSED TO YOU; AT PRESENT, THE COMMITTEE HAS ITS SEAT IN THE GERMAN DOMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. UNCLASSIFIED

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I WOULD THANK YOU FOR HAVING THIS LETTER CIRCULATED AMONG THE MEMBER-STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

FLORIN

DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GDR TO THE UNITED NATIONS UNQUOTE

QUOTE

OFICINA
CHILE ANTIFASCISTA
1157 BERLIN
EGINHARDSTRASSE 5
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
7 FEBRUARY 1975

SIR.

THE ANTIFASCIST CHILE COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF THOSE CHILEANS WHO, PERSECUTED BY THE ACTION OF THE MILITARY JUNTA THAT IS BLOODILY SUBJUGATING OUR HOMELAND, HAVE FOUND REFUGE IN THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. IT IS WRITING TO YOU TO EXPRESS ITS GRATITUDE FOR THE NOTABLE WORK YOU ARE DOING TO DEFEND THE HUMAN RIGHTS THAT ARE BEING SO OPENLY VIOLATED IN CHILE.

THE ANTI-FASCIST CHILEANS HAVE FOLLOWED WITH PROFOUND INTEREST THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS TO EXPOSE THE CRIMES OF THE MILITARY JUNTA THAT IS OPPRESSING OUR COUNTRY, ACTION THAT CULMINATED IN THE RESOLUTION OF 6 NOVEMBER 1974.

DESPITE THE CLEAR CONTENT OF THAT RESOLUTION, WHICH "URGES THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES TO RESPECT FULLY THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO RESTORE AND SAFEGUARD BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, PARTICULARLY THOSE INVOLVING A THREAT TO HUMAN LIFE AND LIBERTY, TO RELEASE ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN DETAINED WITHOUT CHARGE OR IMPRISIONED SOLELY FOR POLITICAL REASONS AND TO CONTINUE TO GRANT SAFE CONDUCT TO THOSE WHO DESIRE IT", THE MILITARY JUNTA HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTINUED ITS CRIMINAL ACTS. ASSASSINATIONS CONTINUE, TORTURE CONTINUES, PEOPLE CONTINUE TO DISAPPEAR, THE CONCENTRATION AND EXTERMINATION CAMPS ARE STILL OPEN, AND ARBITRARY AND ILLEGAL DETENTIONS CONTINUE WITHOUT THE VICTIMS BEING GIVEN THE POSSIBILITY OF JUDICIAL DEFENCE.

BY ITS OBSTINACY, THE MILITARY JUNTA IS NOT ONLY REPEATING ITS VIOLATION OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, TO WHICH

CHILE IS A SIGNATORY, BUT IS NOW ADDING PREMEDITATED AND DECEITFUL DISOBEDIENCE BY IGNORING A UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION THAT OBLIGATES THAT COUNTRY AS A FOUNDER MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION.

WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THESE SERIOUS VIOLATIONS, WHICH ARE MOREOVER UNIVERSAL KNOWLEDGE AND WHOSE STUDY WILL BE REFERRED BY THE ABOVE-MENTIONED RESOLUTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, WILL LEAD THE UNITED NATIONS TO TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION TO PUT AN END TO THE TRAGEDY THROUGH WHICH THE PEOPLE OF CHILE ARE LIVING

REITERATING OUR GRATITUDE FOR YOUR ALTRUISTIC WORK IN THE NOBLE CAUSE OF THE DEFENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE, WE OFFER THE ASSURANCES OF OUR HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.
(SIGNED) CARLOS CONTRERAS-LABARCA, PRESIDENT
(SIGNED) ESTEBAN BUCAT, GENERAL SECRETARY UNQUOTE

3. THE TEXT OF THE LETTER FROM PERM REP HUERTA FOLLOWS:

OUOTE

NEW YORK, 6 MARCH 1975

SIR,

THE PRESIDENT OF A SO-CALLED COMITE CHILE ANTIFASCISTA, BASED IN THE GERMAN DOMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, ADDRESSED TO YOU A COMMUNICATION WHICH REPEATS WORN SLOGANS AND FALSEHOODS REGARDING THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE. AT THE REQUEST OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, THE TEXT OF THAT COMMUNICATION WAS CIRCULATED BY YOU TO THE DELEGATIONS OF THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

IT IS NOT MY INTENTION ON THIS OCCASION TO TAKE THE TIME TO MAKE DENIALS. MY GOVERNMENT'S POSITION HAS BEEN MADE UNMISTAKABLY UNCLASSIFIED

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CLEAR IN THE STATEMENTS OF THE DELEGATION OF CHILE AT THE RECENT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS WELL AS BY ITS ATTITUDE TOWARDS OPENING ITS BORDERS TO BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE WANTED TO VISIT MY COUNTRY, IN SHARP CONTRAST TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHICH SYSTEMATICALLY AND DESPERATELY PREVENT INTERNATIONAL BODIES FROM VISITING THEIR COUNTRIES IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE REPEATED CHARGES WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AGAINST THEM FOR MANY YEARS CONCERNING THE VIOLATION OF ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES OF HUMANITY.

WHAT MR. CARLOS CONTREAS LABARCA, THE SIGNER OF THE NOTE TO WHICH I REFER, DOES NOT SAY IS THAT FOR 15 YEARS HE HELD THE POST OF GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CHILEAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND THAT HE MUST THEREFORE ANSWER TO A MINORITY OF HIS FOLLOW CRITIZENS FOR THE CLAMOROUS ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND MORAL FAILURE OF THE SOVIET MARXIST EXPERIMENT IN MY COUNTRY.

MR. CONTRERAS SEEMS TO BE UNAWARE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF CHILE REJECTED THE IMPLANTATION OF AN IDEOLOGY ALIEN TO ITS TRADITIONS AND REPUDIATES THOSE WHO TAKE UNDUE ADVANTAGE OF THE CONCEPT OF THE FATHERLAND AND YET DO NOT HESITATE TO PROFANE THE NATIONAL FLAG WITH SYMBOLS OF POLITICAL PARTISANSHIP.

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD HAVE THIS LETTER CIRCULATED TO THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE SAME WAY AS YOU DID WITH THE NOTE ON WHICH I HAVE COMMENTED.

ACCEPT, SIR, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND PERSONAL REGARD.

(SIGNED) ISMAEL HUERTA
VICE-ADMIRAL
AMBASSADOR, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE UNQUOTE
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